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SUBJ: FY-76 IN-COUNTRY SCHOOLS

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1. INFORMATION PROVIDED IN REFTEL CONCERNING FY-76 IN-COUNTRY SCHOOL BEING FORWARDED VIA DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO MOROCCAN MINISTRY FOR OFFICIAL REVIEW AND RESPONSE. MINISTRY WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE DATES IN AUG., SEPT. OR OCT. IF THE PROGRAM PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED. MINISTRY ALSO REQUESTED TO REPLY ASAP IN ORDER THAT TRAINING TEAM WOULD RECEIVE THE ADVANCE NOTICE NECESSARY FOR PREPARATION AND SCHEDULING.

2. ON 6-10-75 A MEETING WAS HELD WITH COMMISSAIRE PRINCIPAL M. KHALIL, HEAD OF SURETE NATIONAL (SN) NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT. KHALIL, GRADUATE OF DEA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL #4, ADVISED SAIC HIGDON THAT IN HIS OWN OPINION HE SAW NO VALUE IN AN IN-COUNTRY SCHOOL AS NEITHER MOROCCAN LAW NOR ENFORCEMENT TECHNIQUES WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE U.S. HE ADDED THAT OTHER THAN DRUG IDENTIFICATION THE COURSE WOULD NOT BE VALID TO THE MOROCCAN SITUATION. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT HE HAD OFFICIALLY BROUGHT THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF TRI WHEN HE WAS ATTENDING CLASS #4.

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3. DURING THE SAME MEETING SAIC HIGDON BROUGHT UP THE POSSIBILITY

OF THE SURETE'S USE OF MARIHUANA/HASHISH DETECTING DOGS AT STRATEGIC MOROCCAN PORTS. KHALIL EXPRESSED EXTREME INTEREST IN THE IDEA AND COMMENTED ON THE "REAL VALUE" OF SUCH A PROGRAM IN MOROCCO. KHALIL REQUESTED THAT SAIC HIGDON DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN PROVIDING THE SURETE WITH "DOG HANDLER" TRAINING.

4. IT IS SAIC HIGDON'S OPINION THAT DEA ASSISTANCE IN THIS AREA WOULD NOT ONLY BE WORTHY IN ITSELF, BUT WOULD PROVIDE A MUCH NEEDED SPRINGBOARD TO OTHER JOINT (DEA/SN) OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS. EOI AND PRO COMMENT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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